Communal riots and group clashes

2552. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been unprecedented communal riots and group clashes between different communities during the last 3-4 months in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Karnataka;

(b) whether the riots are on the increase;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the increase; and

(d) whether any directives have been issued to the State Governments to meet the threat and also to help them check such incidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Taking into account the pattern of communal violence in the country in the recent past and with a view to foiling the mischievous designs of communal and divisive forces, the Government have revised its guidelines on promotion of communal harmony and for prevention of communal violence and circulated the same to the various State Governments/UTs on 23rd April, 1990. These guidelines lay particular stress on streamlining of administrative machinery, non-official participation check on anti-social forces, removal of irritants and promotion of measures for the rehabilitation of the riot victims.

The concerned State Governments have been able to control the communal situation and fortunately there has been no major incident of communal violence since then.

Statehood to Delhi

2553. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant Statehood to Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the measures taken by Government so far for devolution of powers to the State of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Constitution (Seventy-Second Amendment) Bill, 1990 has already been introduced in Lok Sabha on 31st May, 1990.

Review of combatisation scheme in ITBP

2554. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1044 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the review of the combatisation scheme in Indo-Tibetan Border Police has since been completed; and

(b) if so, what was the mode of undertaking the review and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The normal procedure of examination in consultation with the officers of ITBP, is being followed and the matter is still under process.

Telecast of serial "Bible-ke-Kahaniyan"

2555. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the serial 'Bible-Ke-Kahaniyan' is likely to be telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, by when and what will be the time of telecast; and

(c) what is the number of episodes cleared and the number of total episodes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) In accordance with the prescribed procedures, slotting of a TV serial is decided only after the Producer concerned makes available to Doordarshan the requisite number of episodes and the same are considered suitable for telecast by the Committee set up for the purpose. In the case of the TV serial 'Bible-Ke-Kahaniyan', the Producers have not, apart from the 'Pilot' of the programme, made available to Doordarshan any of the episodes.

The serial has been tentatively approved for 39 episodes subject to certain formalities to be completed by the Producers.

Telecast of Late Night Movies

2556. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecast of late night movies is being done; and

(b) if so, what are the films to be shown in the rest of the months of this year in late night series on Fridays?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of feature films have been offered for telecast during late nigt chunk. Decision to telecast them is taken only after receipt of good quality print and satisfactory preview report.

Telecast of the Serial Kayar on Doordarshan

2557. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the serial 'Kayar' based on Thakazhi Siva Sankara Pillai's novel is ready for telecast on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so by when it is likely to be telecast and if not what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The first four episodes of the TV Serial made available to Doordarshan were in accordance with prescribed procedures, prepurviewed by the relevant committee and cleared for telecast subject to certain modifications. This Committee had also recommended that the Serial should be telecast at somewhat late in the night at about 9.50 p.m. time chunk. Accordingly, the Producer was offered this time chunk beginning from August 30,1990 for telecast of the serial but he did not accept this offer.

STD Facility to Kozhenchery Telephone Subscribers in Kerala

2558. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether STD facility is likely to be provided to Kozhenchery telepone subscribers in Kerala; and

(b) if so by when and the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) By March, 1991, subject to avaiability of all equipment, steps taken:—

(i) The manual exchange at Kozhenchery has been recently replaced by an automatic one.